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CROSS OF WAR

Beaten, bloody, and imprisoned in the Sultan's dungeons, it looks like luck may have run out for Jan Van der Graff. With his treasure hunt in tatters and his companion falling foul to treachery, the plucky ruffian is going to need all the help he can get to secure his escape.

Meanwhile, Andre Bolden's experiences within the Animus are beginning to take their toll. With his latest trip leading to a hospital visit and his suspicions of Abstergo increasing, the Vietnam vet begins to question the real purpose of his Barbary adventure.



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VODKA
MARTINI,
STRAIGHT
UP.

OF
COURSE,
SIR.
THAT'S
GOING TO BE
SEVENTEEN
DOLLARS.

IT'S
ON ME.





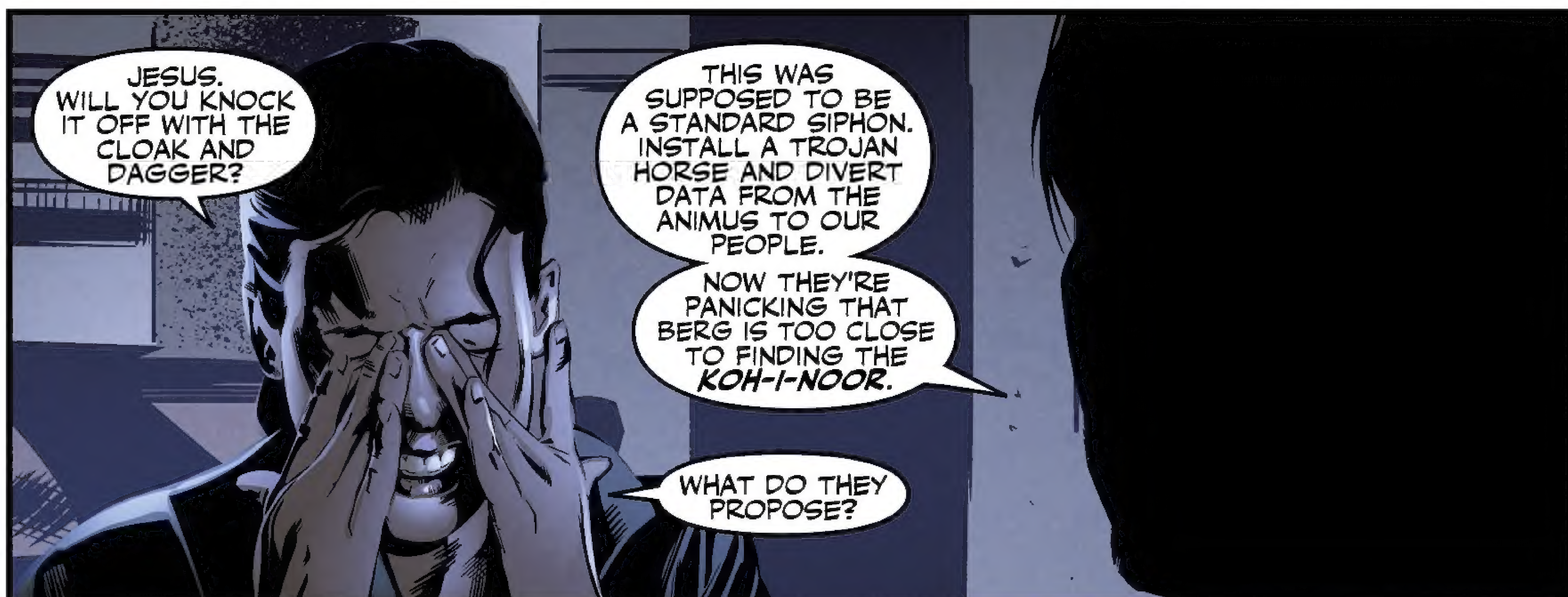


"IT'S LIFE AND DEATH."

WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO EVEN KNOW ABOUT EACH OTHER, LET ALONE TALK.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

THE OLD MAN KNOWS TOO MUCH.



JESUS. WILL YOU KNOCK IT OFF WITH THE CLOAK AND DAGGER?

THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A STANDARD SIPHON. INSTALL A TROJAN HORSE AND DIVERT DATA FROM THE ANIMUS TO OUR PEOPLE.

NOW THEY'RE PANICKING THAT BERG IS TOO CLOSE TO FINDING THE KOH-I-NOOR.

WHAT DO THEY PROPOSE?



"THAT THE OLD MAN DIE."

WHAT DO YOU MEAN LIFE AND DEATH?


ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME YOU TOLD ME WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT?



ALL RIGHT.

I'LL NEED A DRINK.

BARTENDER?



"IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER,
THE TEMPLAR ORDER
HAS EXISTED SINCE BEFORE
THE DAWN OF HISTORY.
OUR AIM IS TO GUIDE
HUMANITY AND PROTECT
IT AGAINST ITSELF."

"PEOPLE WILL NEVER
STOP WARRING FOR
POWER, AND THE
POWERLESS ALWAYS
PAY THE CHECK."

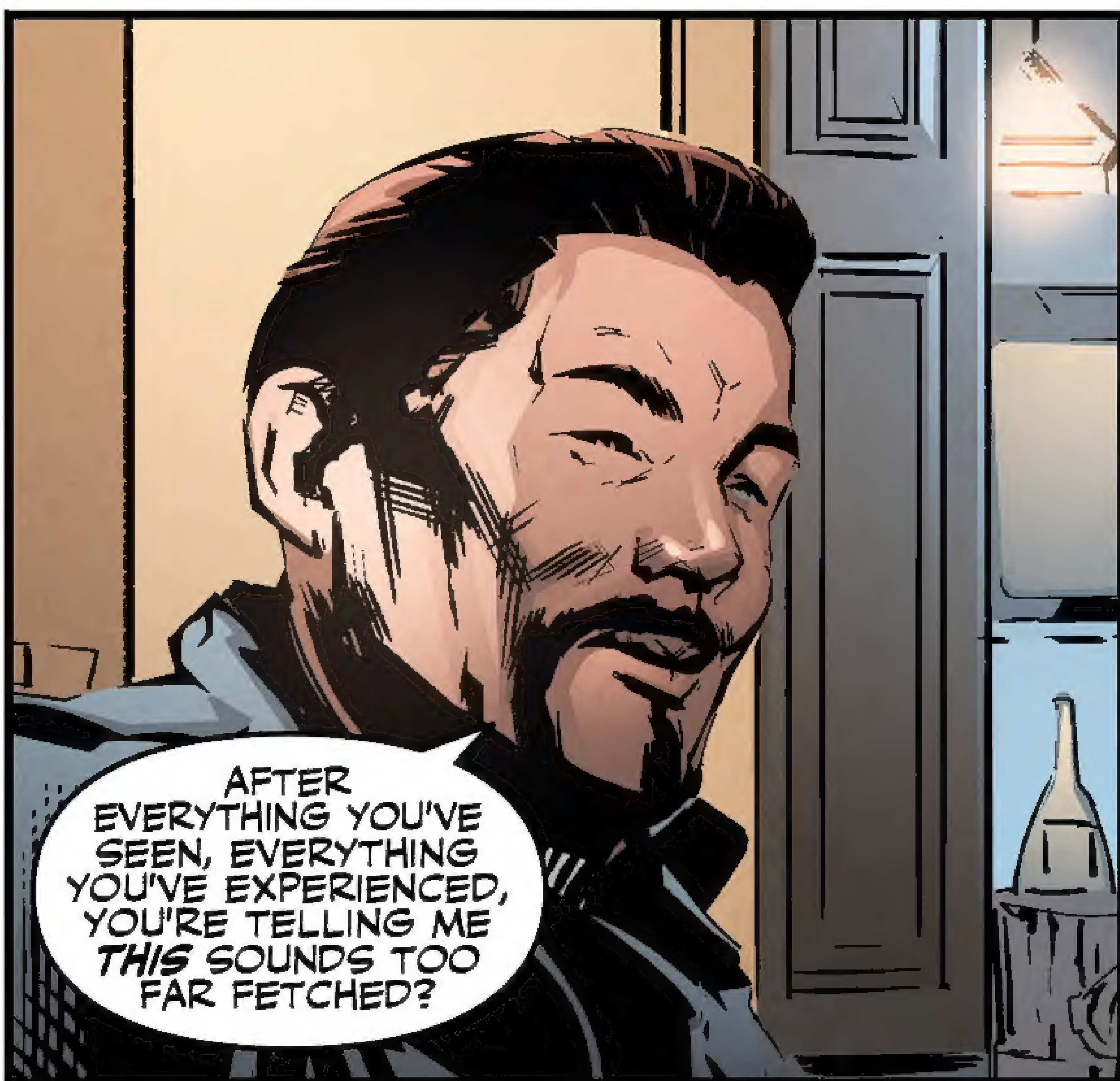
"THERE IS ANOTHER GROUP OUT THERE.
THEY PROUDLY CALL THEMSELVES
ASSASSINS. THEY BELIEVE THAT
NOTHING IS TRUE, AND ABSOLUTE FREE
WILL CAN ACHIEVE HARMONY AND
ENLIGHTENMENT. SUCH A NOBLE IDEAL."

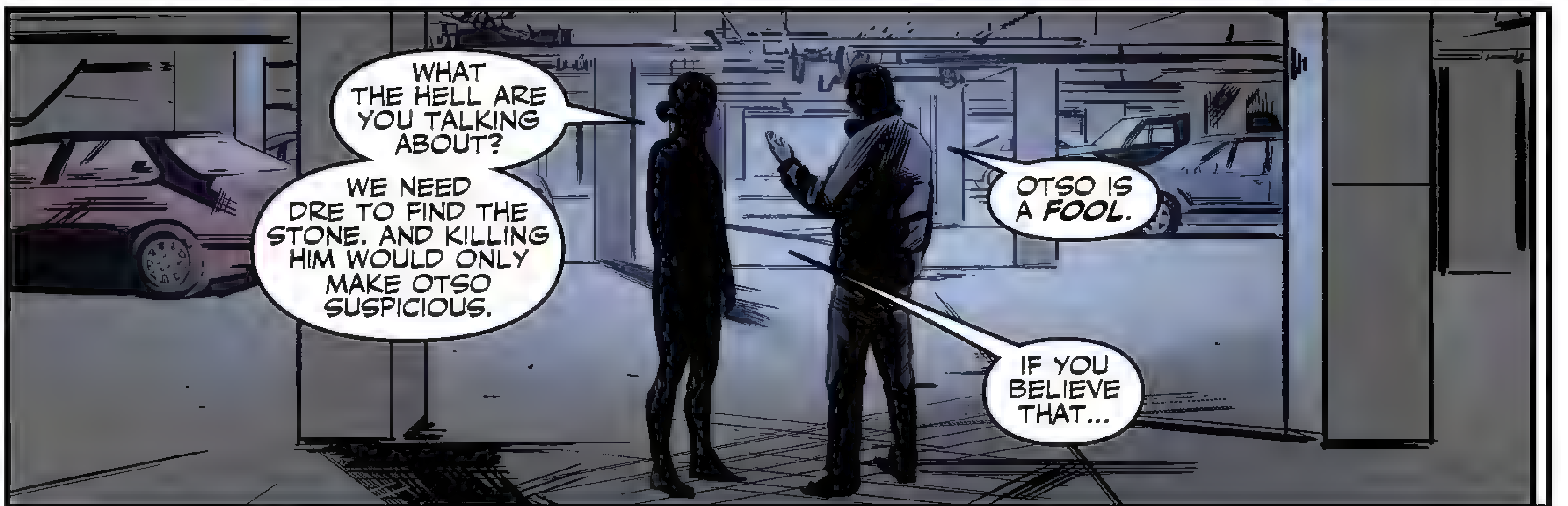
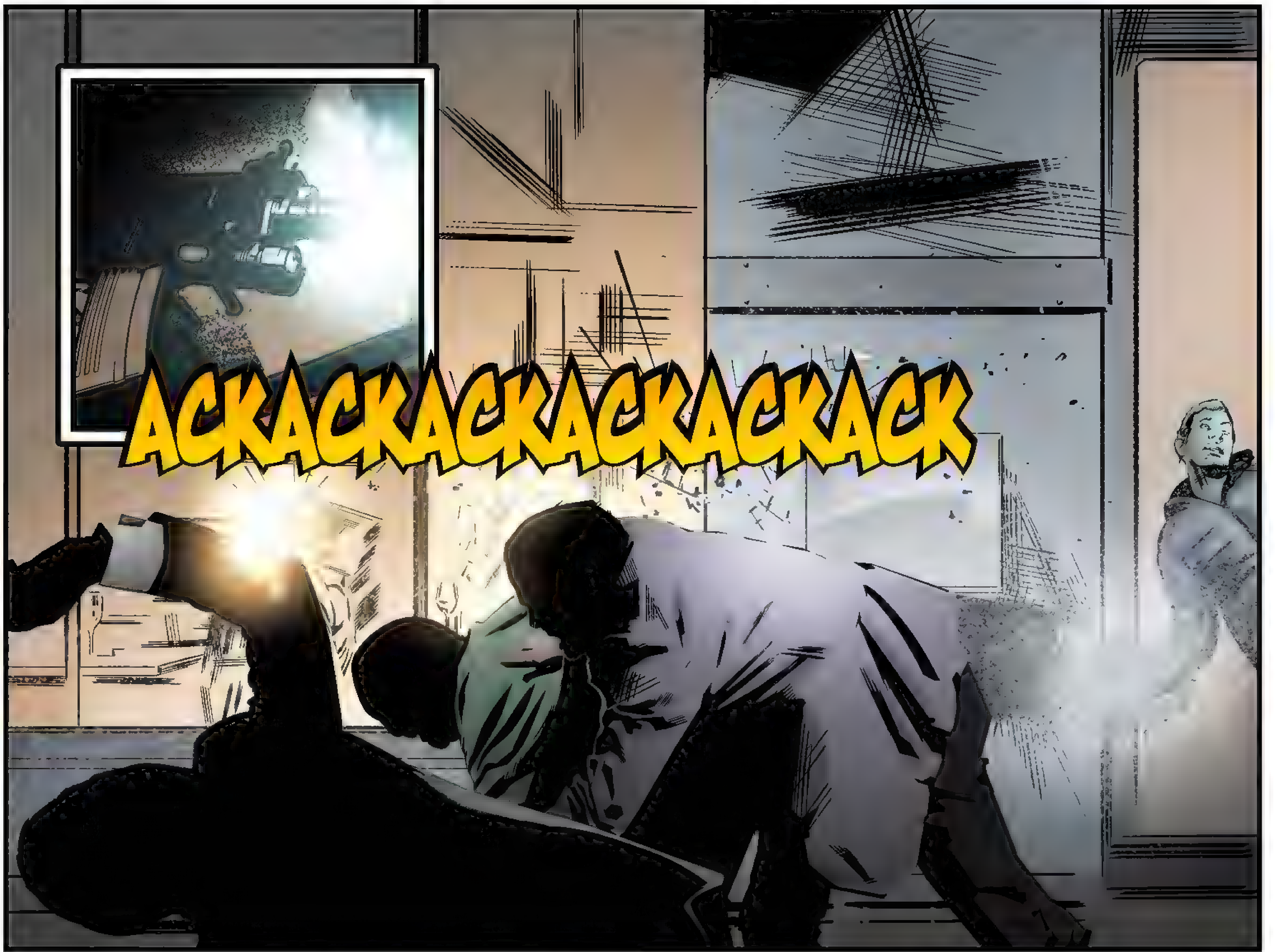
"THEY ARE FOOLS."

"BUT THERE ARE VERY
POWERFUL ARTIFACTS
OUT THERE. WITH
THOSE, WE MIGHT BE
ABLE TO ACHIEVE THE
IMPOSSIBLE...A WORLD
AT PEACE."

"THE KOH-I-NOOR IS
POSSIBLY THE MOST
POWERFUL OF THESE
ARTIFACTS. WE CAN'T
ALLOW IT TO FALL INTO
THE WRONG HANDS."

"THE BLACK CROSS WAS AN
INQUISITOR, TASKED TO KEEP
THE ORDER TRUE, AND TO
QUEST FOR THESE RELICS. BUT
NO ONE HAS TAKEN THE MANTLE
SINCE YOUR ANCESTOR,
ALBERT BOLDEN."



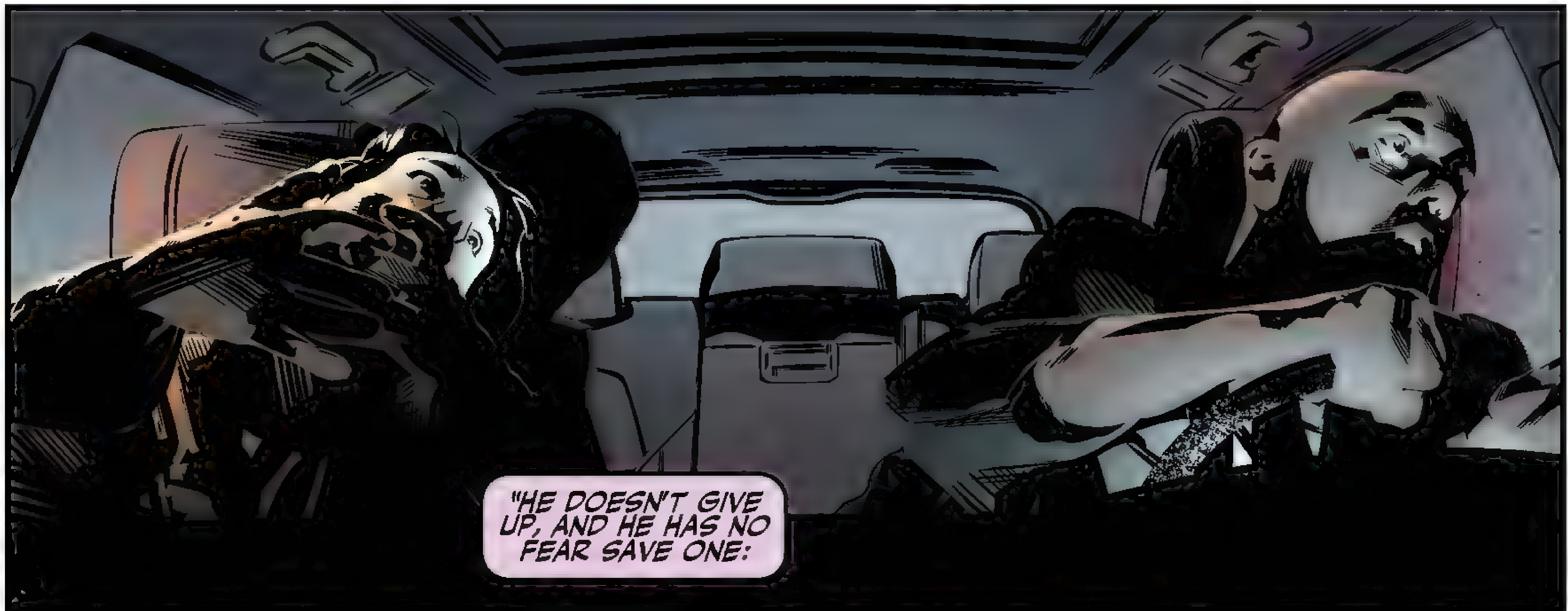




"HE IS FAST,
AND SMART..."



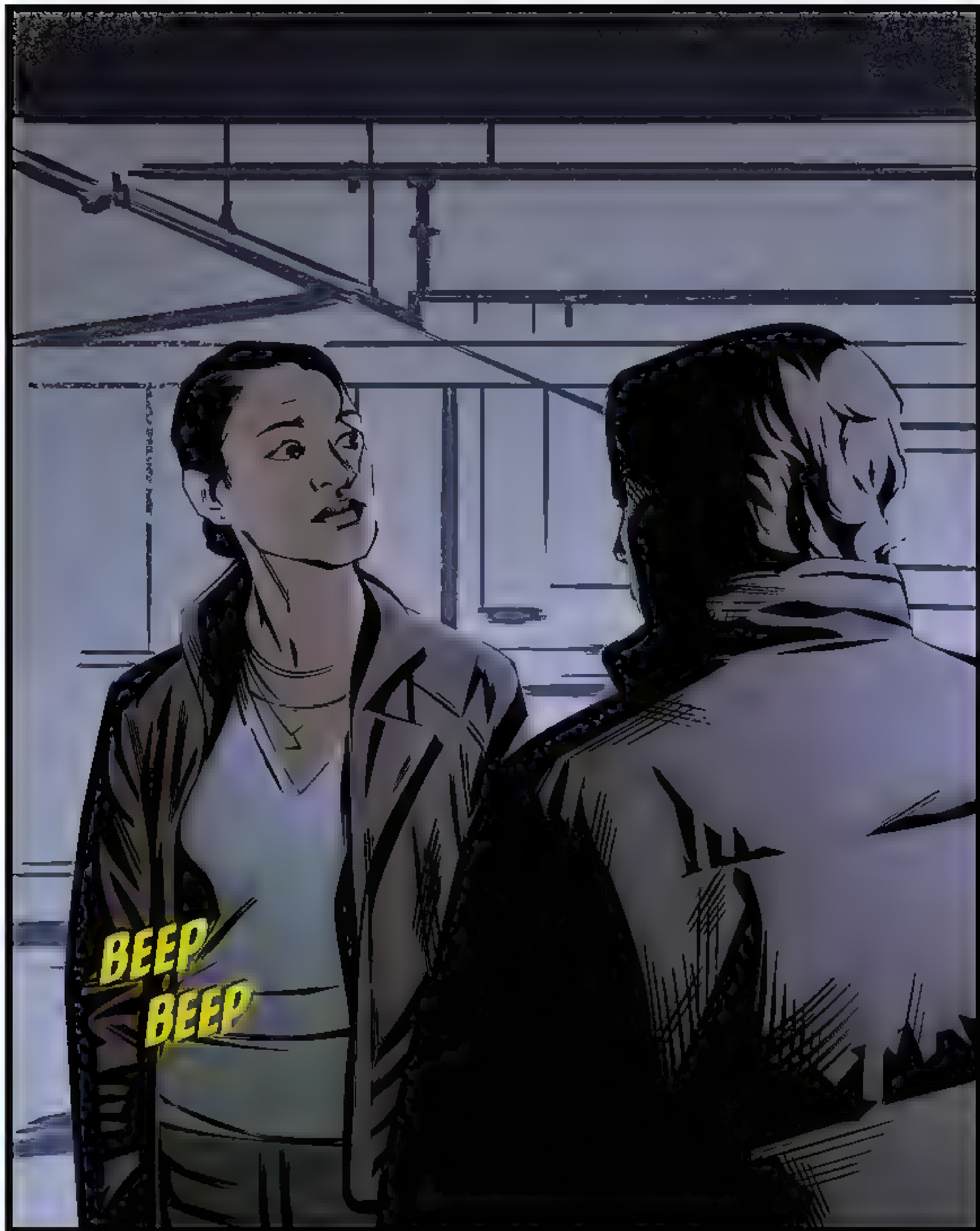
"...AND UTTERLY
RUTHLESS."

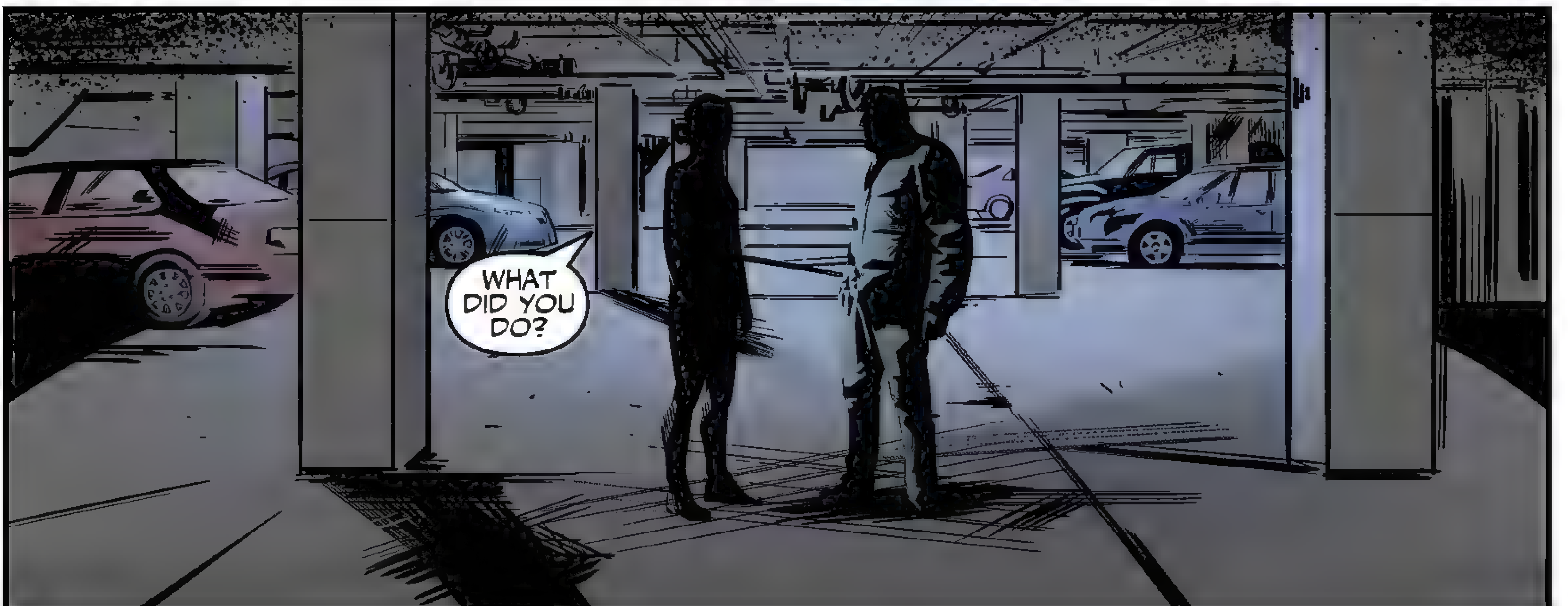


"HE DOESN'T GIVE
UP, AND HE HAS NO
FEAR SAVE ONE:"

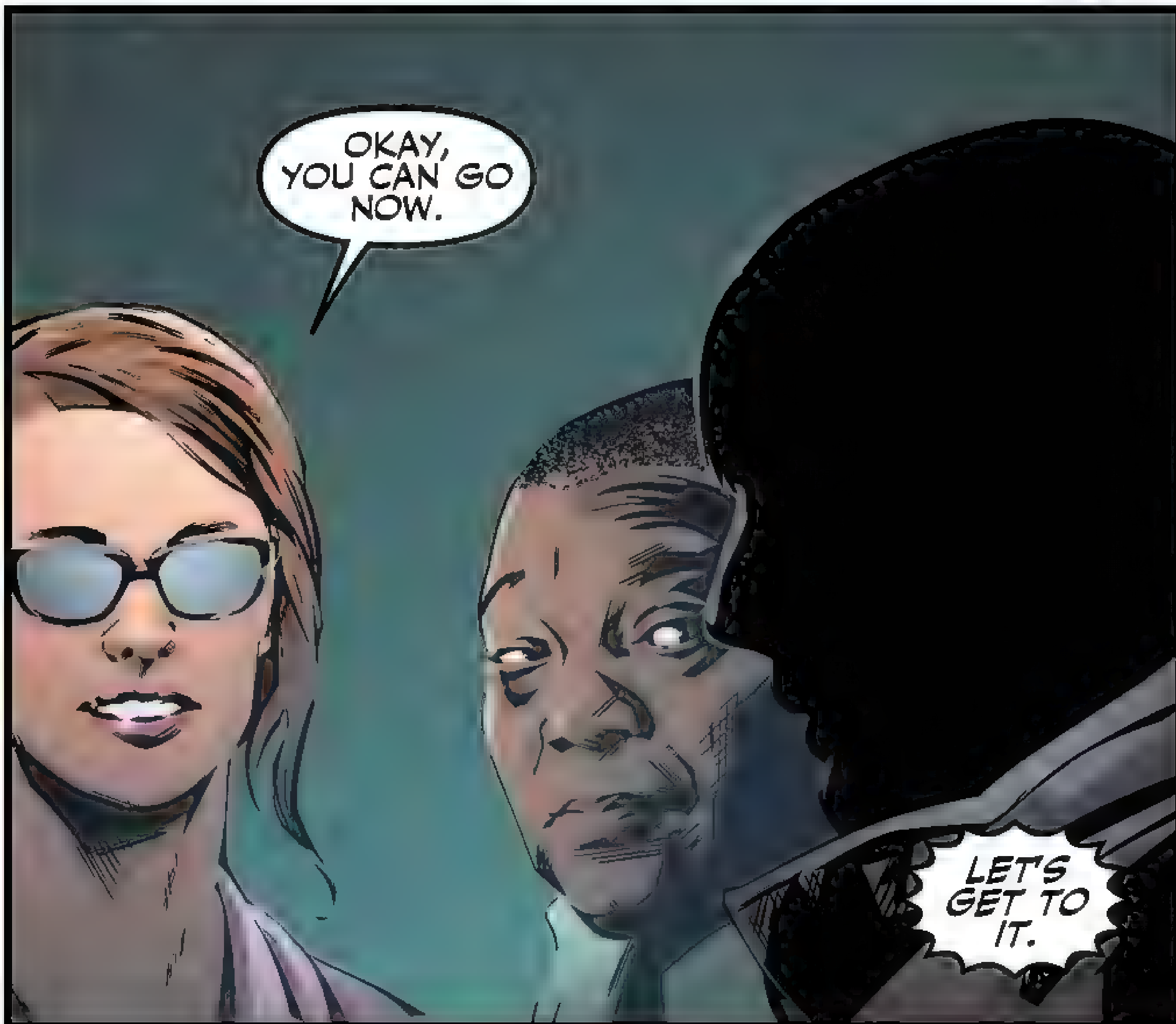
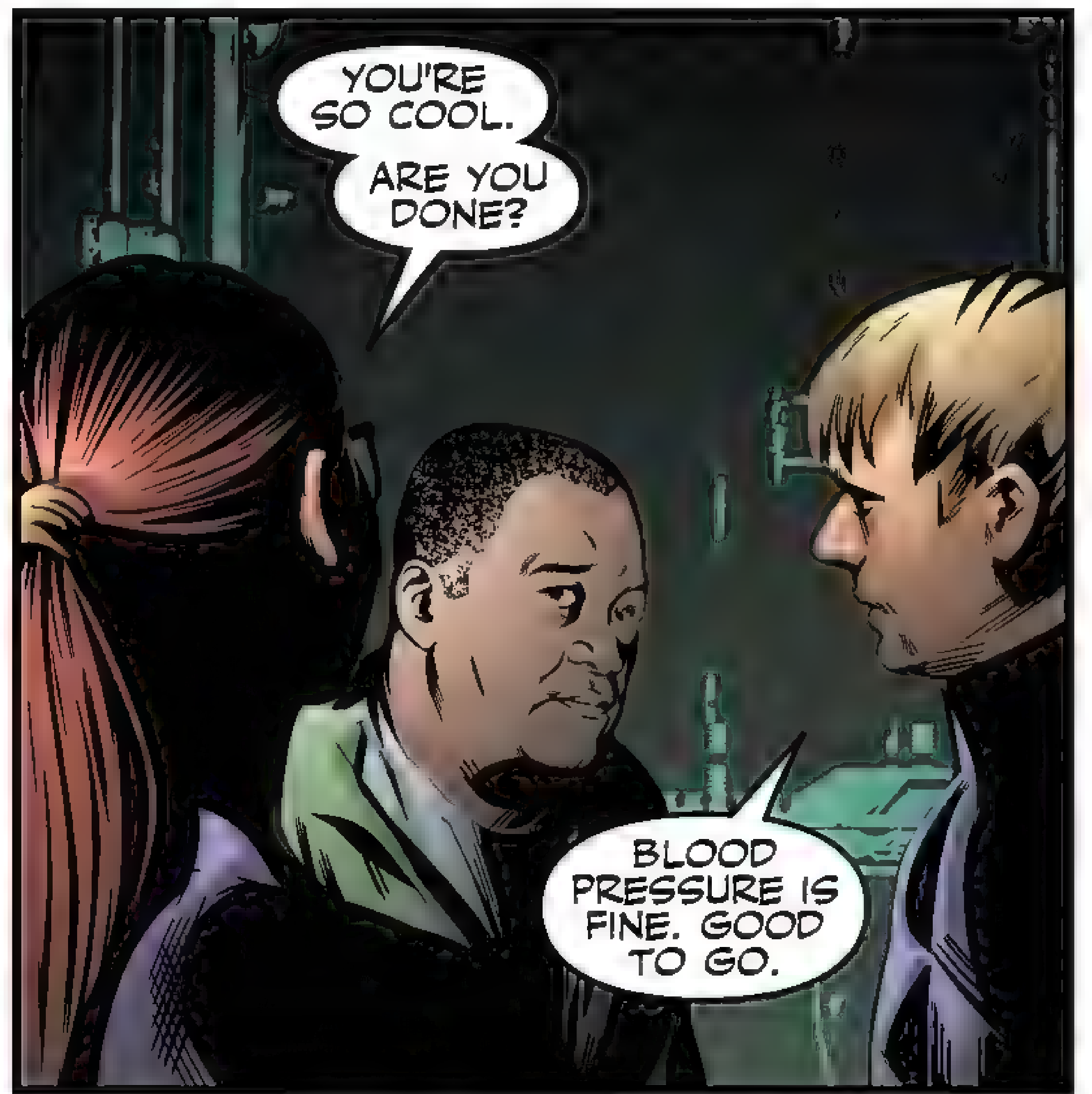


"FAILURE."











MAYBE I SHOULD GET HIM OUT...

YOU WANNA KILL HIM?



TALK TO ME.

THERE'S... A LOT OF VIOLENCE IN THIS STREAM, OTSO.

SHIT. GRAFF'S IN A TORTURE CHAMBER.

WHAT DO WE DO?



CAN WE GET PAST IT?

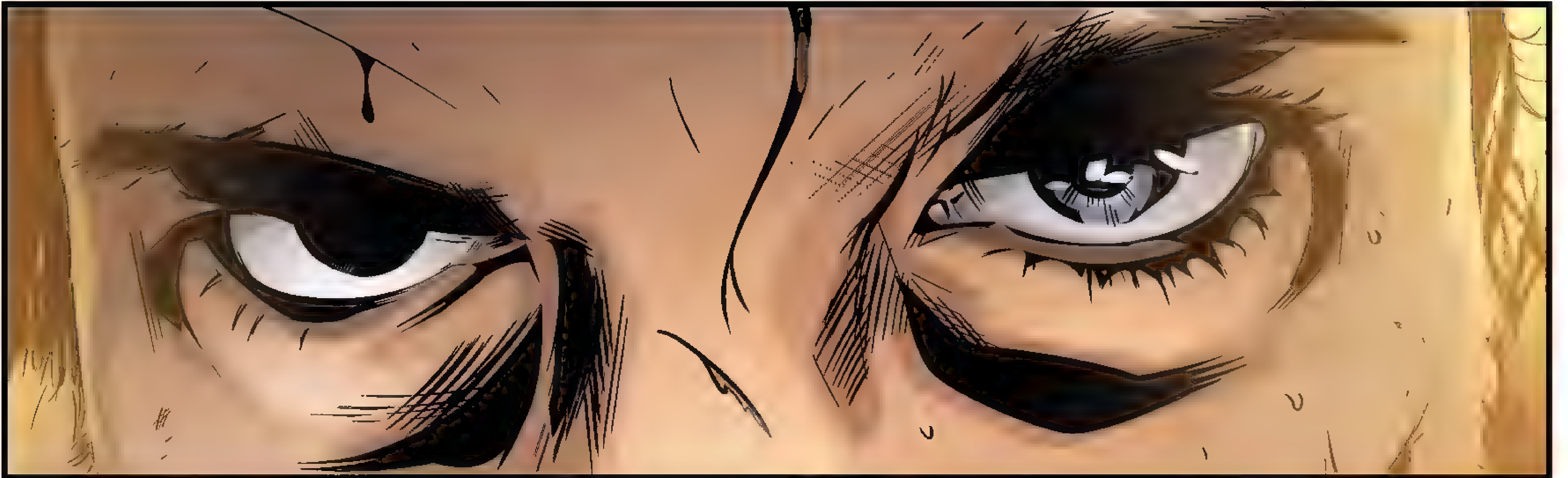
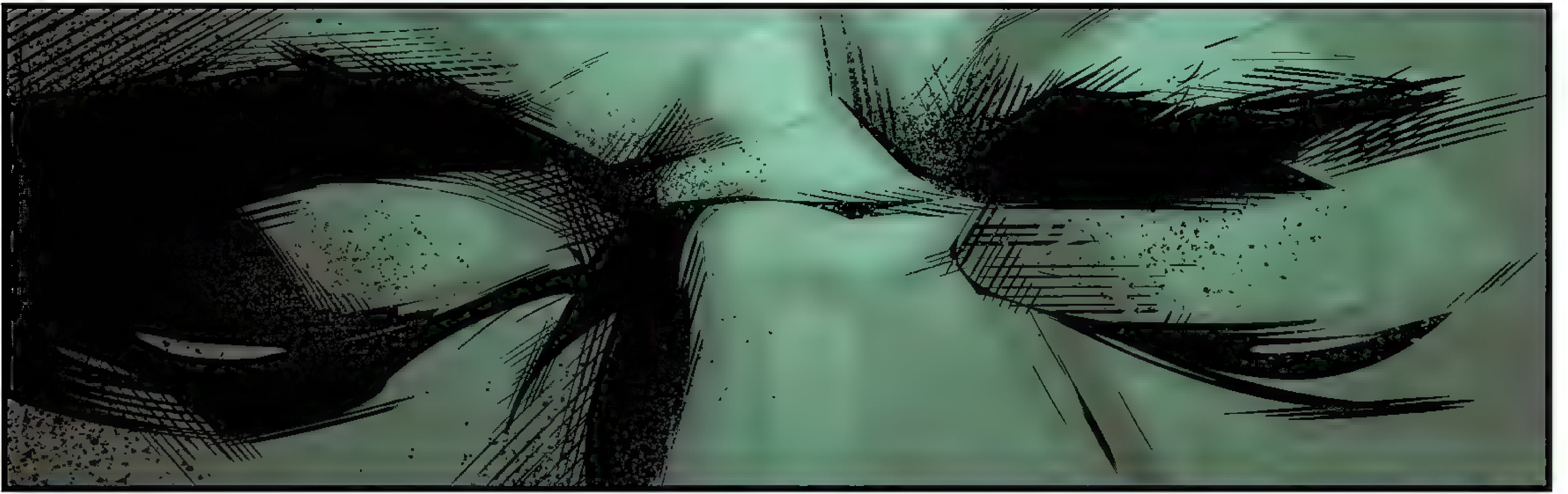
I DON'T KNOW, MAN. IT'S...IT'S A LOT.

HEY, CREEPO. CREEP MUCH? BLOW!



I THINK I HAVE IT. ONCE MORE INTO THE BREACH?

THAT'S A GREEN LIGHT.



WELCOME
BACK TO THE
LAND OF THE
LIVING MY
FRIEND.

DON'T
WORRY. YOU
WON'T BE
STAYING
LONG.



AHKBAR. I
MUST BE ALIVE.
HEAVEN WOULD
NEVER ALLOW A FACE
AS OFFENSIVE AS
YOURS THROUGH
THE GATES.



YOU ASSUME
ETERNAL REWARD
WOULD BE YOURS?
TSK TSK, MY FRIEND.
I KNOW A LITTLE OF
YOUR EXPLOITS.

I VENTURE
YOUR ST. PETER
WOULD BE HARD
PRESSED TO SNEAK
YOU PAST YOUR
GOD'S WATCHFUL
EYE.

ENOUGH
WARBLING.



I
AM LORD
SELIM.

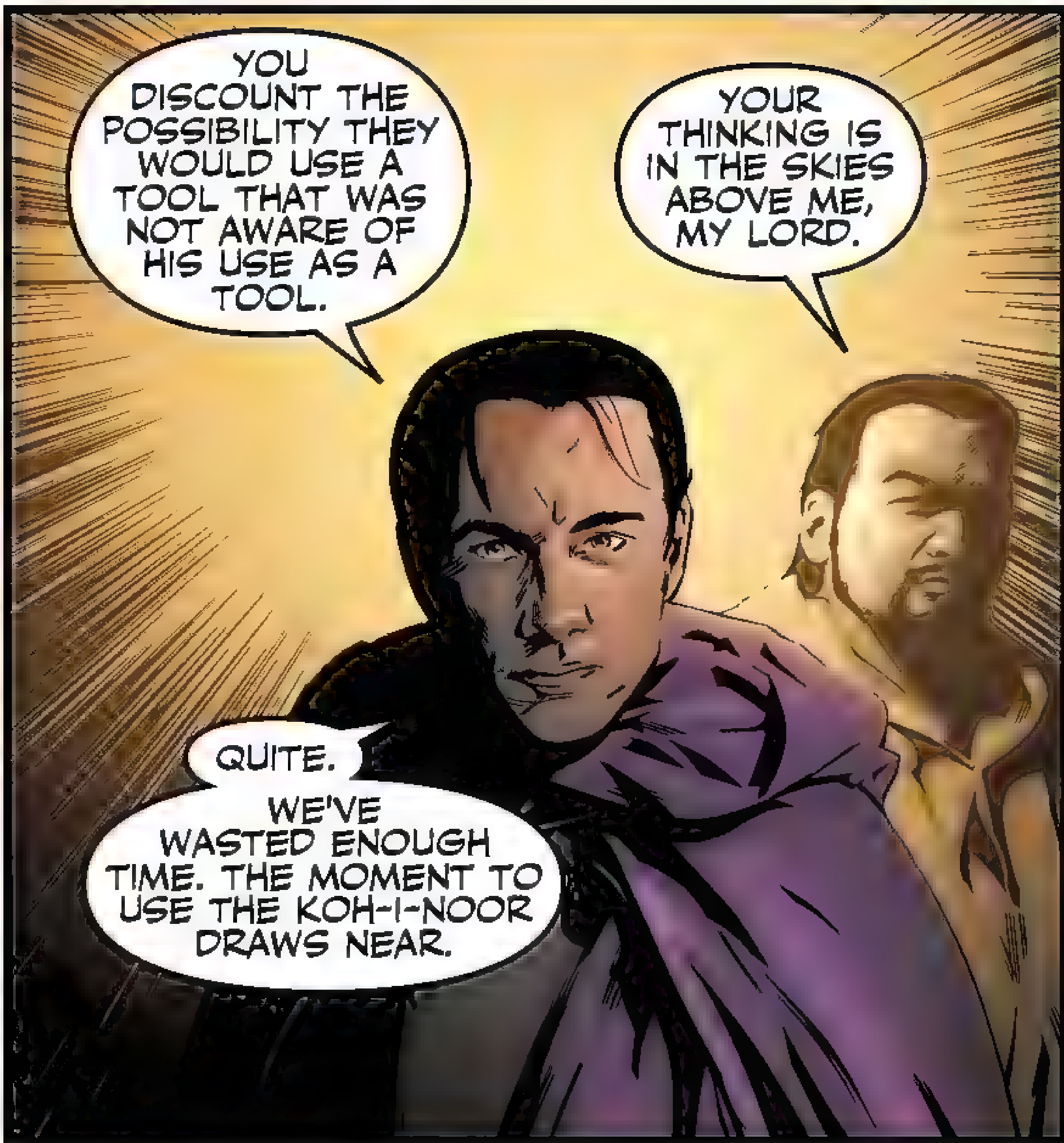
YOU ARE THE
SECOND TEMPLAR
INFILTRATOR WHO
WILL LIVE THE
REST OF HIS
DAYS IN MY
DUNGEONS.



HE KNOWS
NOTHING OF THE
TEMPLARS.

YOUR MEN
WOULD HAVE
EXTRACTED
SOMETHING.

I KEEP
TELLING YOU,
MY FRIEND...
THE TEMPLARS
ARE *SUBTLE*
ENEMIES.







A
MASTER.

INSTEAD I
AM DELIVERED
A *STUDENT*.



WHAT IN
THE BLOODY
HELL ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

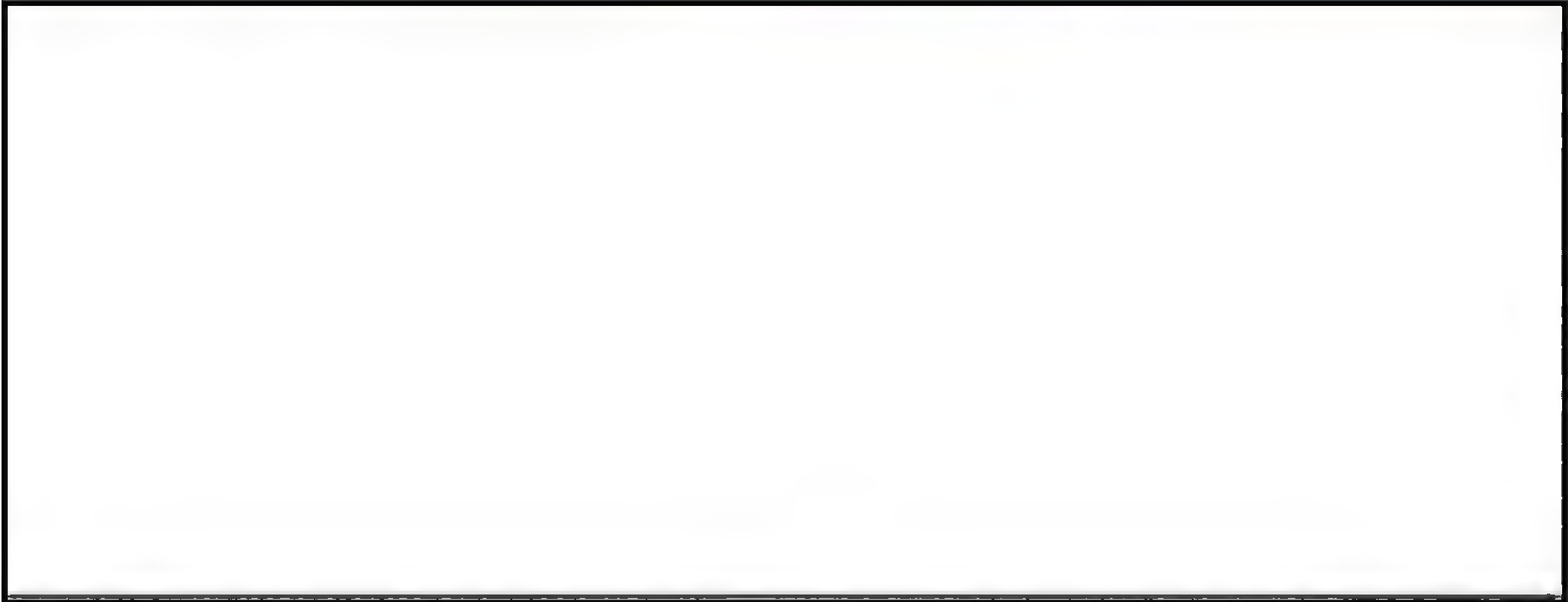


AH, YOU'RE
ONE OF THOSE
IMPERTINENT ONES.
GOOD. THAT WILL
HELP. THE FATHER OF
UNDERSTANDING
PROVIDES.

YOU MAY
SLEEP FOR
AN HOUR.



THEN WE
BEGIN.





ANOTHER ONE, MR. BOLDEN?

ALSO ON THE HOUSE?

OF COURSE, SIR.

THAT'S MORE LIKE IT.



HELLO, ANDRE.

HELLO MS. VIOLET. EYES EVERYWHERE?

YES.



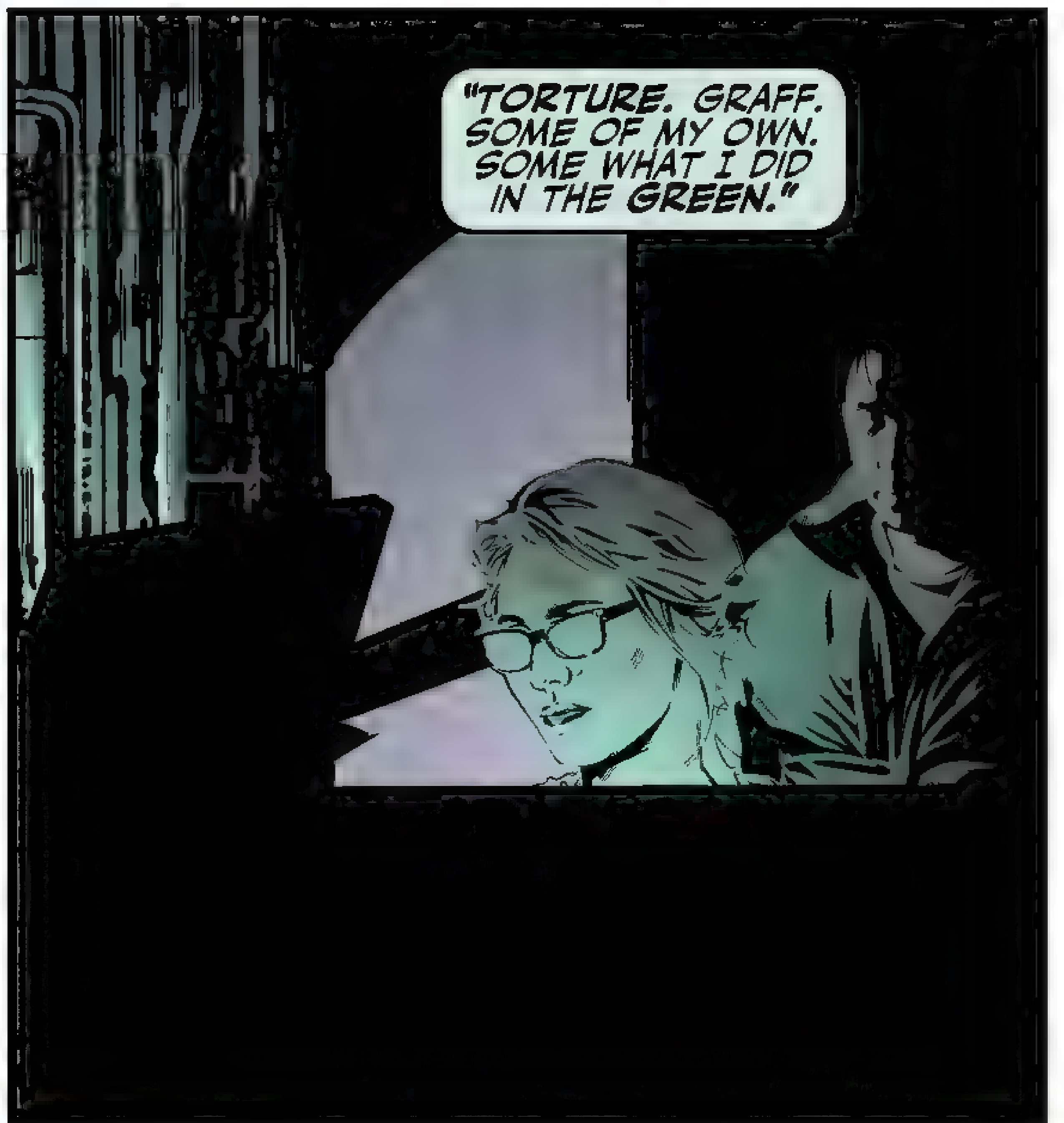
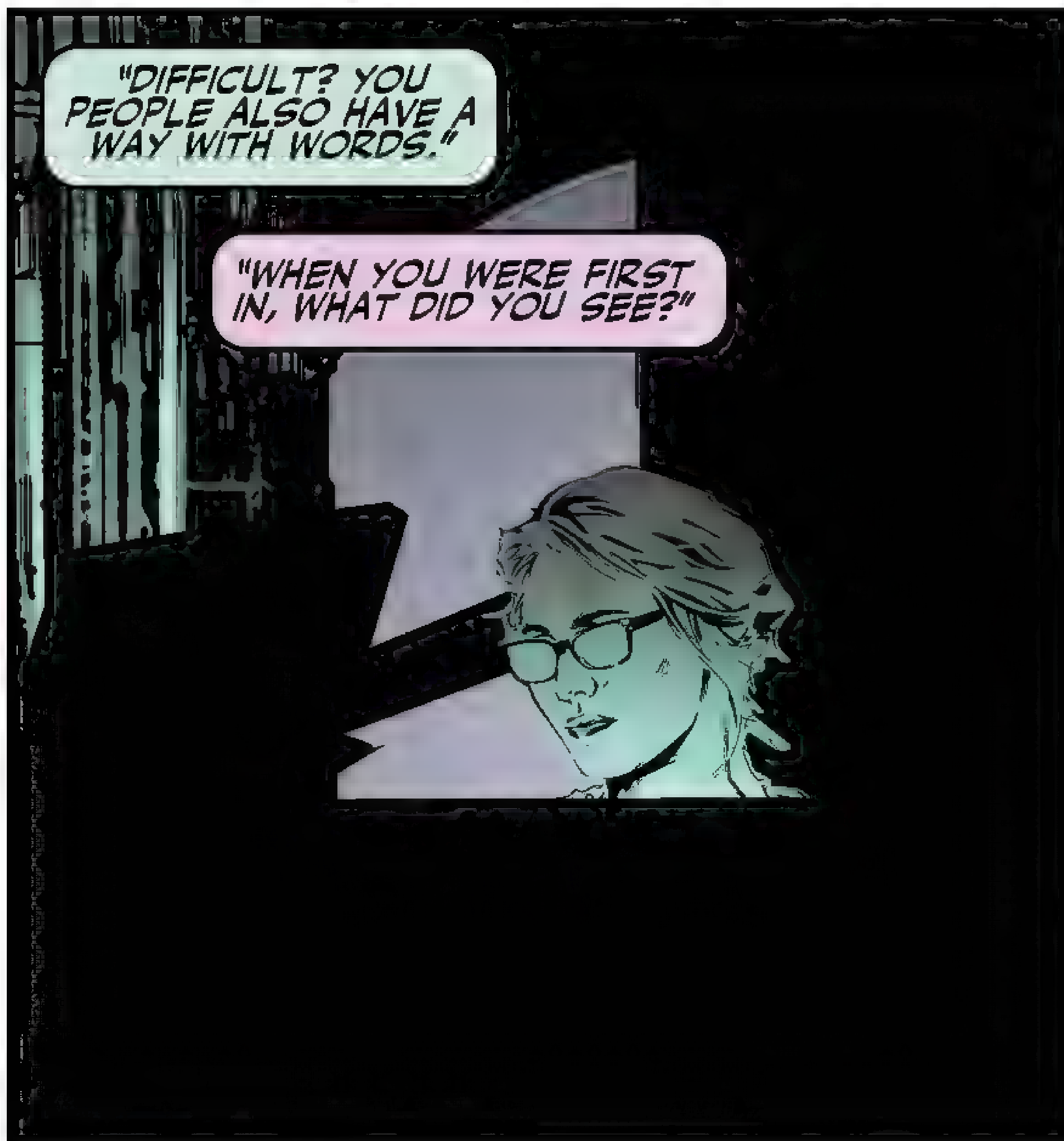
YOU KNOW, FOR PEOPLE SUPPOSEDLY WORKING FOR THE BENEFIT OF MANKIND...

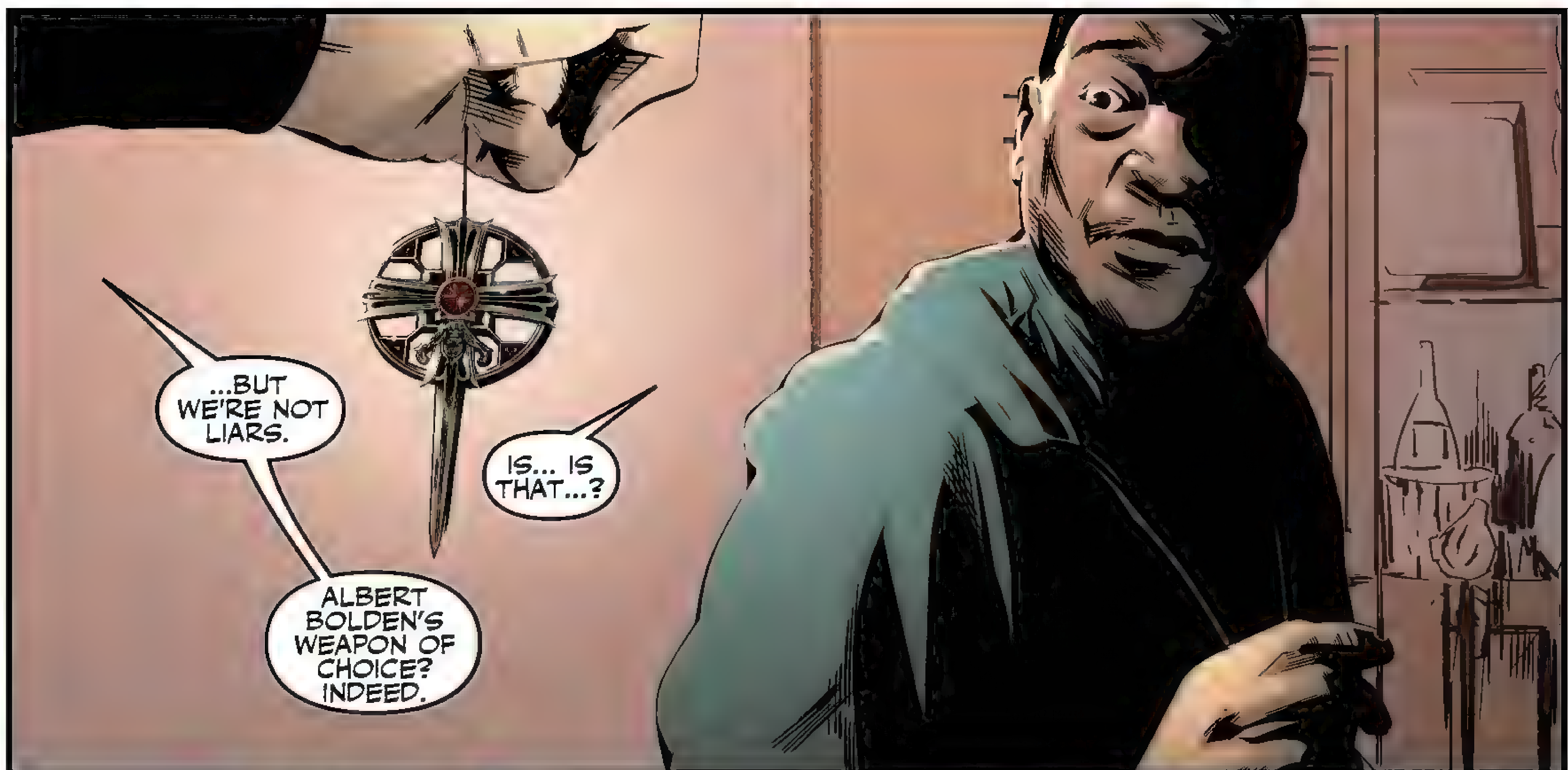
...YOU SURE DO OWN A LOT OF STUFF.



GIVE US A MINUTE?

I CAN'T IMAGINE HOW DIFFICULT THIS DAY HAS BEEN FOR YOU.





...BUT
WE'RE NOT
LIARS.

IS... IS
THAT...?

ALBERT
BOLDEN'S
WEAPON OF
CHOICE?
INDEED.



I'LL BE
DAMNED.

WHY DIDN'T
OTSO GIVE
THIS TO ME
HIMSELF?

HE
WANTED
TO.



"BUT HE'S BUSY
CLEANING UP A MESS."

YES.
WELL DONE,
THANK YOU. USUAL
ACCOUNTS, I
ASSUME?

YES.
I TRIED TO
MAKE IT **QUICK**
FOR THEM.
THANK YOU.



YES?

YOU BETTER
COME DOWN TO
THE ANIMUS LAB,
DIRECTOR.

THERE'S
BEEN AN
INCIDENT.

TO BE
CONTINUED...

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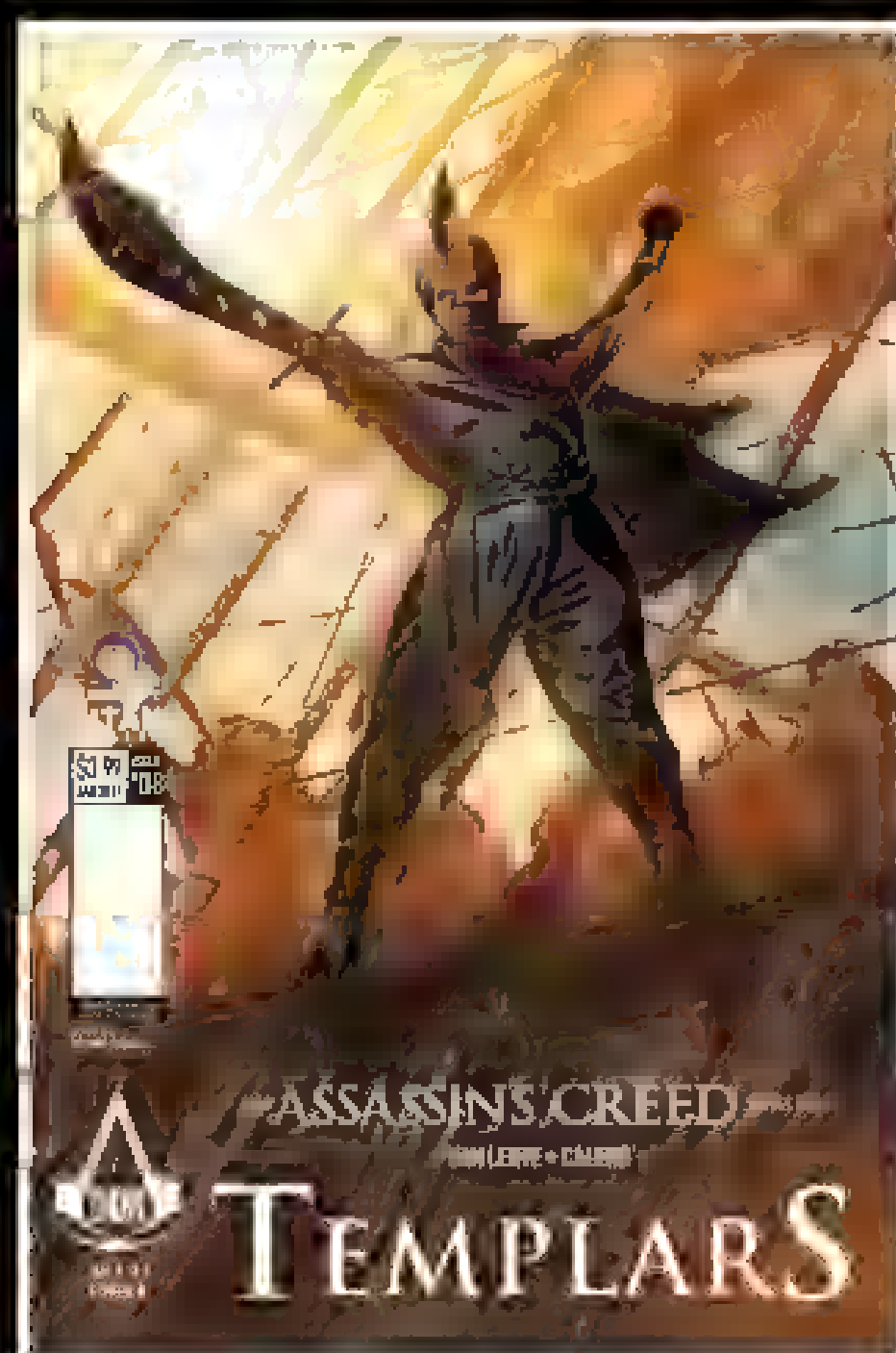
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In our final chapter, Jan Van der Graff accepts the fate left before him and mounts a daring escape of the Sultan's dungeons. Meanwhile, with traitors beginning to emerge, Otso Berg realises that a drastic step is required to safeguard the Templar Order...

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